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YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET EXTENSION

Yakutat...The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the set gillnet fishery for Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet, Yakutat Bay, and Manby Shore-Outside Waters will be extended for 12 hours and will now close at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: will be extended for 12 hours and will close at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2020, with the following restrictions:

<u>Lost River</u>: will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing north of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at 59°27.38′ N lat, 139°36.55′ W long (approximately 500 yards southeast from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence) to a regulation marker at 59°27.82′ N lat, 139°37.46′ W long (approximately 600 yards northwest from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence);

Situk River mouth (including upstream Johnson Slough marker): will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at the eastern bank of Johnson Slough at 59°26.73′ N lat, 139°33.25′ W long to a buoy regulation marker located at 59°26.33′ N lat, 139°34.15′ W long, to a regulation marker located at 59°25.66′ N lat, 139°34.43′ W long on Sunny Point.

Yakutat Bay: will be extended for 12 hours and will close at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

Manby Shore-Outside Waters: will be extended for 12 hours and will close at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

Dual Permits: The use of dual permits is being allowed in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Yakutat Bay north of a line from Point Manby to Ocean Cape. Individuals are reminded that if going to fish with two permits that they are to notify the Yakutat Fish and Game office of when they plan to fish with two permits and when they stop fishing with two permits.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y2020.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: http://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/.

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